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CONCERNED FIRST BECAUSE THIS LIBYAN VIOLATION OF CHAD'S TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY SETS AN UNDESIRABLE PRECEDENT, AND SECOND BECAUSE CHAD'S ABILITY TO CONTAIN THE REBELS IN THE TIBESTI WITH PRESENTLY AVAILABLE RESOURCES IS IN DOUBT.

2. CHADIAN VICE PRESIDENT DJIME CAME TO WASHINGTON ON VERY SHORT NOTICE TO MAKE AN URGENT PERSONAL APPEAL FOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE. HE SAW THE SECRETARY JULY 14 AND THE VICE PRESIDENT JULY 15. THE VICE PRESIDENT INFORMED DJIME THAT WE WISHED TO HELP CHAD, AND WERE IN THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPING A RESPONSE TO CHAD'S REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE.

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A) FIRST, IN ORDER TO ASSIST CHAD IN ITS QUEST FOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE FROM LIKELY DONORS, WE ARE CONSIDERING SUGGESTING THE CONVOCAION OF A MEETING OF THE "FRIENDS

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